

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Rangan is not relevant to claim 1 or claims 2-10 dependent thereon.

Moreover, claim 1 calls for linking the video information based on the location of the video information on a frame and a frame identifier. A frame identifier is not in any way used to link video information in Rangan. Instead, the linking is done via a hot spot or hyperlink. While videos may be stored and indexed in terms of scenes, this does not teach linking using a frame identifier. Certainly, it is known to use frames and frame identifiers for a variety of things. Here, the claimed method invention involves using the frame identifier for a very specific thing--to link video information with other information based on the location of the video information. Nothing in Rangan has anything to do with using a frame identifier in this way.

Therefore, claim 1 and claims 2-10 dependent thereon, should be in condition for allowance. For the same reason, claim 11 and claims 12-19 dependent thereon should also be in condition for allowance. Likewise, claim 20 calls for software to link to additional information based on the user's selection of a frame and frame location. There is no frame selection in Rangan. Instead, the user selects a hot spot or hyperlink. The frame location is never utilized in the linking process. Therefore, claim 20 patentably distinguishes over Rangan. As a result, claims 21-25 should also be condition for allowance.

Claim 26 was rejected over the combination of Rangan in view of Youden. Claim 26 calls for storing video information as received for playback in the sequence the information was received. Claim 26 also calls for allowing playback of any portion of stored video information while continuing to store said incoming video information. A VCR can not do this operation. A VCR is basically a serial memory that uses serial

or sequential magnetic tape storage. The VCR head is not at two different locations at the same time. In other words, the head is not at one location to play back and another location to store. Moreover, if this were attempted, one could essentially overwrite the same material just recorded. Thus, neither Youden or Rangan disclose allowing playback of any portion of the stored video information while continuing to store said incoming video information.

Moreover, claim 26 calls for automatically pausing the playback of video information when the user is changing the software focus while continuing to record the incoming video stream. Thus, in response to a change of software focus (such as selecting an item in a frame), the video playback is automatically paused. However, the incoming video stream continues to be recorded. The VCR simply can not do this. Namely, it can not pause the playback of video and continue to record the incoming video stream. Again, this is because a VCR is a serial memory.

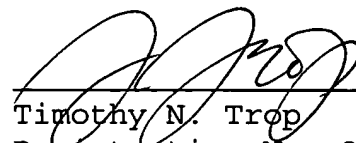
The combination of Youden and Rangan still teaches nothing pertinent to claim 26. As a result, claim 26 and the claims dependent thereon should be in condition for allowance.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

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